

## Understanding What a Paragraph Is

### Paragraph Part

### Purpose of the Paragraph Part

#### 1. The Topic Sentence

States the *main point*. The topic sentence is the first sentence after the transition. It should state the point the paragraph will prove or support.

#### 2. The Body

The body of the paragraph supports (shows, explains, or proves) the main point. The body is made up of *support sentences*, which contain facts, details, and examples supporting the main point.

#### 3. The Concluding Sentence

The concluding sentence reminds the reader of the main point and often makes an observation. It provides closure for the reader.